



Flathead Conservation District
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CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE: Chairman Ronald Buentemeier called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

Board members present: Ronald Buentemeier, Chairman; Pete Woll, Vice Chairman; Camisha Sawtelle, Secretary/Treasurer; Dean Sirucek, Supervisor; John Ellis, Supervisor; Mark Siderius, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

Also in attendance were: Ginger Kauffman and Kari Musgrove, FCD staff; Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Caleb Deitz & Mark Boardman, FH Stoltze Land & Lumber; Dan Tombrink; Aaron Clausen, Flathead Lakers; Joe Murphy; Mike White; Brad Bennet, John Thomas.

MINUTES: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2015, business meeting as submitted.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to amend the previous motion, and approve the minutes as amended to show the proper amount for the Sibert cost-share project from \$1081.47 to \$1441.96.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. MACD Convention resolutions from Lewis & Clark CD
2. DNRC has a position open for “Conservation Districts Bureau State Rangeland Coordinator”. Contact Laurie Zeller, 1-406-444-6669.
3. DNRC is encouraging conservation districts to form their own Range Committees. Contact Karl Christians, kchristians@mt.gov
4. Notice: If districts are in need of additional funding for upcoming projects, submit requests to DNRC prior to October. Contact Karl Christians, kchristians@mt.gov
5. Whitefish Planning Board meeting agenda, Thursday, July 16, 6:00 P.M.
6. NACD (National Association of Conservation Districts) analysis of final rule defining “Waters of the U.S.” for NACD Foundation Committee reference & review.
7. July 8 issue of “The Montana Conservationist”; issue includes information regarding lawsuit filed against EPA over Clean Water Act rule; guidebook for using beavers to help restore streams, wetlands, floodplains. www.macdnet.org
8. MACD updated organizational chart & announcement: MACD has hired Seth Elsen as Operations Manager.
9. DNRC Floodplain Resource Seminar, July 20-24, UM Helena College. Contact tsears@mt.gov

FINANCIAL: The following bills were reviewed:

1. Byte Savvy \$105.00
2. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
3. Flathead County Weed Dept. \$2441.25
4. Insty Prints \$71.45
5. MontanaSky Networks \$20.00
6. Montana State Fund \$414.76
7. Mountain States Leasing \$1545.56
8. PayneWest Insurance \$4660.00

Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve the bills as presented.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: John Thomas, addressed the board regarding the cost-share application he had submitted. He had not attended the prior meeting to present the application to the board. John stated he was disappointed in the feedback he received regarding thinning & mistletoe issues; and explained the project was not for development of property, but for health improvement. He thought he had a good application for treating mistletoe based on information received from DNRC, and asked for feedback.

Ronald Buentemeier stated just cutting mistletoe is not effective, as spores move to other trees, and the stand is old not young. If stands were opened up more there might be a slight chance for success. Discussion held regarding growth rate, age and condition of stands, thinning, merchantable timber, and soils. The board further explained this was a new process, and his was not the only application that was not fully funded.

RIVER STEWARD: Kenny Breidinger, MDFWP, and Aaron Clausen, *River to Lake* River Steward program, spoke to the board about ways to possibly coordinate with the district regarding re-vegetation needs. Discussion held. Aaron will put together further information for the board, and this will be placed on the July business meeting agenda for further discussion.

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AT&T/MTDOT, FL2015029, Deerlick Creek, relocate fiber optics: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “this is not a project, per section Q subsection B of the Adopted Rules.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BIBLER, FL2015034, Unnamed, culvert: An on-site was set for Friday, July 17, 11:15 AM at the site.

BIBLER, FL2015035, Unnamed, culvert/bridge: An on-site was set for Friday, July 17, 11:15 AM at the site.

DIXON/GOLDBERG, FL2015004, Whitefish River, dock: Discussion held. Further information was not submitted as requested. John Ellis made a motion “to rescind the permit as incomplete.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

EUREKA TOWN PUMP, FL2015016, Stillwater River, bank stabilization: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Ronald Buentemeier’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports, including John Muhlfeld’s comments submitted 7/10/2015; excluding the plantings and cuttings that are to go on the slope of the Eisinger property.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, FL2015020C, unnamed, complaint: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “this is not a violation, as this is not a perennial stream.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FH STOLTZE L&L, FL2015031, Various streams, maintenance: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application as submitted.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FH STOLTZE L&L, FL2015032, S. Fork Canyon Creek, diversion: Discussion held. Buentemeier made a motion “to withdraw the application as an emergency notice was submitted.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FH STOLTZE L&L, FL2015037, Mount Creek tributary, culverts: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the application as submitted. The on-site inspection is waived with concurrence by FWP. The 15-day waiting period is waived.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FH STOLTZE L&L, FL2015038E, S. Fork Canyon Creek, emergency: An on-site inspection was set for Friday, July 17, 8:45 AM at the site.

GF787 LCC, FL2015026, Fish Creek, culvert: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Verdell Jackson’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HAMILTON, FL2015002C, Flathead River, complaint: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to table pending the on-site.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HANCOCK, FL2015033, Swan River, trim brush: An on-site inspection is tentatively set for Thursday, July 23. Pete Woll will coordinate the time with Leo Rosenthal, FWP, and contact the FCD office with details.

HOLTER, FL2015022, Flathead River, bank stabilization: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Dean Sirucek’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ILLICH, FL2014033C, Flathead River, complaint: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to table pending the on-site.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

KALBFLEISCH, FL2015028, Flathead River, clear shrubs/trees: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application as submitted.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEHL, FL2015027, Stillwater River trib., irrigation structure: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Verdell Jackson’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PLUM CREEK TIMBER, FL2015023, Herrig Creek, culvert: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Verdell Jackson’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PLUM CREEK TIMBER, FL2015024, Pleasant Valley. Fisher Rv trib., culvert: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Verdell Jackson’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PLUM CREEK TIMBER, FL2015036, Unnamed, culvert: An on-site inspection was set for Friday, August 7, 9:00 AM at the Plum Creek Timber office.

TOMBRINK, FL2015025, Trumbull Creek, bank stabilization: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Ronald Buentemeier’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

WHITE, FL2015030, Browns Creek, new residential structure: An on-site inspection was set for Thursday, July 23, 9:00 AM at Cayuse Prairie School parking lot.

NEW BUSINESS:

DNRC GRANT #RCG-15-0019 AMENDMENT: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to approve motion made 6/22/2015 to approve the grant amendment.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NW MT FAIR: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve ¼ page ad for the fair issue in the amount of \$317.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Kari Musgrove asked supervisors to sign up on the fair booth schedule.

Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “for Ginger Kauffman & Kari Musgrove to have 30 caps with FCD embroidered on the front, made up from the same place as last time.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF

- **DONATION REQUEST**
- **EDUCATION GRANT – BINOCHULARS**
- **PERSONNEL**

- **FLATHEAD RIVER AIS SURVEY**
- **COST-SHARE SUMMARY**

The next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2015, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

ADJOURNMENT: Pete Woll made a motion “to adjourn.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Submitted By: Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:

<u>7/27/2015</u>	<u>Ronald Buentemeier</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
(Date)	(Signature)	(Title - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, etc.)